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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

1. 304 Division

- a. The 9 Regiment moved on 10 July from the Thanh Hoa area and has now completely infiltrated into Thai Binh Province. Major strength of the regiment is in the region of Thai Ninh (N 20-39, E 106-41).
- b. The 115 and 117 Battalions are in the Kien Luong District of Thai Binh. The 119 and 345 Battalions remain in the Bai Thuong area.¹

2. 320 Division

- a. Since 10 July the entire 52 Regiment except the 162 Battalion is in the Ly Nhan (N 20-32, E 106-08) region. The 162 Battalion remains at Nam Truc (N 20-15, E 106-11).
- b. The 48 Regiment has finished its rest and recapitulation period near Chi Ne (N 20-29, E 105-47) and has now infiltrated the Vu Ban (N 20-28, E 105-26) District.²
- c. The 64 Regiment is concentrated in the region of Nam Truc.

3. The entire 312 Division is still at Phu Tho.

4. Three regiments of the 308 Division are still in the Huong Son, Van Lang, and Quang Tap Districts of Thai Nguyen.

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25X1A Vietnam (DRV) High Command is adding a regiment composed of local troops to each

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regular division. The 304 Division will absorb the local 840 Regiment composed of the 635, 620, 650, and 840 Battalions. The 316 Division will absorb the local 980 Regiment. It also appears that the regular, independent 42 Regiment might be incorporated into the 308 Division. It should be remembered that reports in late 1951 and early 1952 concerning similar information about the creation of additional regiments for DRV divisions were either reports of goals unobtainable to the DRV until now or propaganda. Until the present time independent units attached to DRV units have been no larger than battalions. However, local troops have now received a long training and the DRV can easily reinforce the regular troops with the locals.

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1. Comment. These battalions may be regional rather than regular DRV units.
2. Comment. in the 48 Regiment, that unit is preparing to attack an unspecified objective near Nam Dinh.

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